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Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority of Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Petrolati), the members, guests and employees joined with her in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Robert F. Quinn, Chaplain of the House, as follows:

God, Our Creator, we depend upon You and Your guidance in our efforts to organize and to address in a thoughtful and reasoned manner the legislative and administrative items on our agenda for the week. In these uneasy and difficult economic times, help us to select the correct, just and perhaps unpopular options which are open to us. As elected leaders, the people look to us for confidence and hope in our present common struggle to build a peaceful, prosperous and civil society. Teach us to examine in a mature, fair but critical, manner, the data and information which come to us in various ways. Help us to make reasoned, not merely emotional, responses to the issues which come to our attention through the media and constituents. In this era in which the human, civil and religious rights are often violated and trampled upon, inspire us to remain faithful to Your teachings and Your ways for successful living.

Prayer.

Today, we remember in our prayers and thoughts George Keverian, who was called home by the Lord on last Friday. May he rest in peace.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees of this House and their families. Amen.

Statement of Representative Linsky of Natick.

A statement of Mr. Linsky of Natick was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I was unable to be present in the House Chamber for the sitting of Thursday, March 5, due my involvement with official State House business. Any roll calls that I missed that day was due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement of
Representative
Linsky of Natick.

Statement of Representative Richardson of Framingham.

A statement of Ms. Richardson of Framingham, was spread upon the records as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I was not present in the House Chamber for the final roll call during the sitting of

Statement of
Representative
Richardson of

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Thursday last due to official business in another part of the State House. Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative.

Framingham

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Ms. Hogan of Stow) honoring Patricia A. Walrath, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Patricia A. Walrath.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Finegold of Andover) extending the commonwealth of Massachusetts' greetings and congratulations to the Iranian-American community of the occasion of Nowruz;

Nowruz.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Galvin of Canton) congratulating Joseph W. Williams of Old Colony Council Boy Scout Troop 77 of Canton, Massachusetts on earning the Eagle Scout Award; and

Joseph W.
Williams.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Pignatelli of Lenox) recognizing the Berkshire Community Radio Alliance;

Berkshire
Community Radio.

Mr. Binienda of Worcester, for the committee on Rules, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Wolf of Cambridge (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the Senate Bill to provide the voters of the town of Randolph a choice of charters for the new form of government (Senate, No. 14) be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Randolph, -town
government.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Spellane of Worcester, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

Pending the question on ordering the bill to a third reading, Mr. Timilty of Milton and other members moved to amend it by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 3414).

The amendment was adopted; and the bill, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Ayers of Quincy, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. The bill (Senate, No. 14, amended) then was sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendment.

Recesses.

At twelve minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Kafka of Stoughton (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recess until the hour of two o'clock P.M.; and at seven minutes after two o'clock, the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Recesses.

The House thereupon, on motion of Mr. Ayers of Quincy, took a further recess subject to the call of the Chair; and at five minutes before three o'clock P.M.

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the House was called to order with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill to provide the voters of the town of Randolph a choice of charters for the new form of government (see Senate, No. 14, amended) (which originated in the Senate), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill enacted.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Thursday next and one o'clock P.M.

Next sitting.

Representatives DeLeo of Winthrop and Smith of Everett then moved that as a mark of respect to the memory of former speaker George Keverian , a member of the House from Everett from 1967 to 1990, inclusive, and Speaker of the House from 1985 to 1990, inclusive, the House adjourn; and the motion prevailed.

At three o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Peterson of Grafton (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at one o'clock P.M.